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GOB CONTACTS WITH THE RPF

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL'S QUESTIONS, POST PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS BY THE GOB WITH THE RPF AND THE RWANDAN EMBASSY. GOB CONTACTS WITH BOTH THE RPF AND GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CURRENTLY AT LOW LEVELS. REASONS FOR THIS DIFFER IN EACH CASE. ALTHOUGH THE GOB ALLOWED THE RPF TO ESTABLISH ITS

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EUROPEAN OFFICES HERE IN BRUSSELS, MFA OFFICIALS
TRADITIONALLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS, IF THEY OCCURRED AT ALL,
AT THE WORKING LEVEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONCE EXPLAINED THE MFA HAD
DECIDED TO MEET THE RPF INFREQUENTLY, AND AT WORKING
LEVELS ONLY, AS LONG AS THE ORGANIZATION ADVOCATED ARMED
STRUGGLE. EVEN DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE ARUSHA
ACCORDS, A PROCESS BELGIUM ATTENDED AS AN OBSERVER, RPF
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD MEET WITH [REDACTED]

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CONTACTS WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT

3. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOB AND THE GOR WERE RELATIVELY
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NORMAL ON THE SURFACE UNTIL THE DEATH OF HABYARIMANA AND
THE EVENTS WHICH FOLLOWED: MASSACRES OF TUTSI CIVILIANS
AND THE MURDER OF TEN BELGIAN PEACEKEEPERS SERVING IN
UNAMIR. CONTACTS HAD BEEN EXTENSIVE AND COVERED THE
ENTIRE RANGE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. RWANDAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AFTER THE
RPF UNLEASHED ITS GUERRILLA WAR IN 1990. THE GOR APPEARED
[REDACTED] IN 1993, BELGIANS WERE ASKED
BY THE GOR AND THE RPF TO PARTICIPATE IN UNAMIR, THE UN
PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN RWANDA.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE EXTREMIST HUTU AUTHORITIES-INSPIRED
MASSACRES OF TUTSI CIVILIANS, THE MURDER OF TEN BELGIAN
PEACEKEEPERS AND THE UNLEASHING OF A VIRULENT ANTI-BELGIAN
CAMPAIGN IN RWANDA WHICH WAS CONDONED, IF NOT AUTHORIZED
BY THE RWANDAN AUTHORITIES, THE GOB REFUSED TO MEET
HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUTU AUTHORITIES. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] (PLEASE PROTECT) TOLD

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POLOFF, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE RWANDAN CRISIS,

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FIGHTING VIA FAX

6. THE RPF AND THE RWANDAN EMBASSY ARE CONDUCTING PUBLIC
RELATIONS BATTLES IN BELGIUM OVER THE SITUATION IN
RWANDA. HELPED BY THE BELGIAN PRESS WHICH IS MORE
SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR POSITION, THE RPF IS

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[REDACTED] THE RPF KEEPS UP A
STEADY BARRAGE OF FAXES, COMMUNIQUEES, AND PRESS
CONFERENCES. EMBASSY RECEIVES FAXES FROM THEIR OFFICES
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ABOUT ONCE A WEEK. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BEHIND THE RECENT, AND STILL ONGOING,
DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY.

7. THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IS LIKELY CONSTRAINED IN ITS
ACTIVITIES BY ITS INABILITY TO CONTACT EASILY THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP IN RWANDA. MANY OF ITS
COMMUNICATIONS ARE DONE VIA DIPLOMATIC CIRCULARS OR
NOTES. BECAUSE OF THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR'S EARLY

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[REDACTED] IN THE
DEATH OF HABYARIMANA, THE RWANDAN EMBASSY HAS NOT MADE
MUCH HEADWAY WITH THE LOCAL MEDIA.

8. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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